

**LINCOLN-LANCASTER  
WOMEN'S COMMISSION  
(Revised)**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into on this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2001, by and between the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "City," and the County of Lancaster, Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as "County," for the purpose of creating an **advisory** body to be known as the Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-801 et seq., (Reissue 1991) permits units of local government of the State of Nebraska to cooperate with one another for the purpose of jointly exercising common governmental authority and responsibilities which they share in common; and

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 15-278 and 23-104.04 authorize the City and the County to establish a Commission on Women; and

WHEREAS, the City and the County have previously established a joint Commission on the Status of Women for the purpose of advising the County Board and the Mayor and City Council upon the existence of social, economic, and legal barriers affecting women and ways to eliminate such barriers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby mutually agreed by and between the parties as follows:

1. Establishment. The City and the County hereby establish an advisory body to be known as the Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission, which shall consist of fifteen (15) persons. Members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City with the approval of the City Council and the County Board and shall serve for a term of two (2) years unless such appointment is to fill an unexpired term, in which case such appointment shall coincide with the unexpired term to be filled. Members currently serving on the Commission shall continue to serve until the expiration date of their current term or until resignation, removal, or for any other cause they are unable to complete their term. All persons so appointed shall be residents of Lancaster County. Members of the Commission may be reappointed to two (2) additional terms, but no member may be reappointed to serve more than three (3) terms.

2. Purpose. The Commission shall **advise** the Mayor, the City Council, and the County Board on the existence of social, economic, and legal barriers affecting women and ways to eliminate such barriers. In the performance of its duties, the Commission shall advise and assist the City and County in emphasizing:

- (1) recognition of social economic factors that influence the status of women;
- (2) development of individual potential;
- (3) encouragement of women to utilize their capabilities and assume leadership roles;
- (4) coordination of efforts of numerous women's organizations interested in the welfare of women;
- (5) identification and recognition of contributions made by Nebraska women to the community, state, and nation;
- (6) informing the public and leaders in business, education, and government of the social, economic, and legal barriers that prevent women from choosing their present and future roles in the family, the labor force, and society in general, and working towards elimination of those barriers;
- (7) such advice shall not be limited because the study of such changing and developing roles involve the working conditions, financial security, and legal status of both sexes;
- (8) advising the City and County on the type of legislation which should be sought to improve any situation when the above areas of study indicate a need for change.

3. Officers. The Commission shall annually elect a President and such other officers as may be deemed necessary, and shall adopt bylaws for the orderly conduct of its meetings and the development of structures and committees to carry out the purposes herein set out, which bylaws shall be presented to the Mayor for approval. The election of officers will be held during the month of August and the term of all officers and newly selected Commissioners will begin on September 1st.

4. Staff. The staff of the Commission shall be administratively assigned to the Office of the Mayor of the City.

5. Reports to elected officials. The Commission shall provide to the Mayor, City Council, or the County Board such reports as may from time to time be requested by the Mayor, City Council, or the County Board.

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6. Funding. The appropriate staff of the Commission shall annually prepare and submit a budget to the Mayor and the County Board for review and approval in accordance with the regular budgetary procedures of each body. The budget for the Commission, as approved, shall be funded on a 50-50 basis by the City and County.

7. Term and termination. This agreement shall remain in full force and effect until terminated by either party. Either party may terminate this agreement by giving to the other party not less than thirty (30) days written notice of intention to terminate prior to the end of the County fiscal year. In the event of termination, any remaining funds shall be returned to each of the parties on the same basis as contributions to the Commission's budget were made.

8. Prior agreements superseded. The City and the County do hereby mutually agree that this Agreement supersedes the prior existing agreement entered into between the City and the County through passage of City Resolution No. A-78546 and County Resolution No. C-8828, and any other prior agreement relating thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have caused this agreement to be executed and delivered by their respective duly authorized officers as of the dates indicated below. (City Resolution No. A-80860 adopted May 21, 2001; Approved by County on April 17, 2001, #C-01-164; prior History: City Resolution A-78546 adopted January 5, 1998; County Resolution No. C-8828 adopted December 16, 1997).